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Declaration of Faith

(Decisions passed at our recent Assembly)

43. That the following DECLARATION OF FAITH be adopted:

We believe:

1. In the verbal inspiration of the Bible.
2. In one God eternally existing in three persons; namely, the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
3. That Jesus Christ is the only begotten Son of the Father, conceived of the Holy Ghost, and born of the virgin Mary. That Jesus was crucified, buried, and raised from the dead; that He ascended to heaven and is today at the right hand of the Father as the Intercessor.
4. That all have sinned and come short of the glory of God, and that repentance is commanded of God for all and necessary for forgiveness of sins.
5. That justification, regeneration, and the new birth are wrought by faith in the blood of Jesus Christ.
6. In sanctification subsequent to the new birth, through faith in the blood of Christ; through the Word, and by the Holy Ghost.
7. Holiness to be God's standard of living for His people.
8. In the baptism with the Holy Ghost subsequent to a clean heart.
9. In speaking with other tongues as the Spirit gives utterance, and that it is the initial evidence of the baptism of the Holy Ghost.
10. In water baptism by immersion, and all who re-

pent should be baptized in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.

11. Divine healing is provided for all in the atonement.

12. In the Lord's Supper and washing of the saints' feet.

13. In the premillennial second coming of Jesus. First, to resurrect the righteous dead and to catch away the living saints to Him in the air. Second, to reign on the earth a thousand years.

14. In the bodily resurrection; eternal life for the righteous and eternal punishment for the wicked.

We recommend that the Editor-in-Chief, the President, Vice-President, and board of directors and faculty members of Lee College and all other Church of God schools sign a contract that they will not teach, publish, or allow to be taught or published anything contrary to this "Declaration of Faith," or any other established doctrine of the Church.

We further recommend that a copy of this "Declaration of Faith" be posted in every classroom and the offices of General Overseer and Editor-in-Chief.

44. That the same Articles of Faith Committee, consisting of James L. Slay, Earl P. Paulk, Glenn C. Pettyjohn, J. L. Goins, J. A. Cross, Paul H. Walker, R. P. Johnson, E. M. Ellis, and R. C. Muncy, prepare a full document of the Articles of Faith for the Church of God, to be presented for acceptance at the next General Assembly of the Church of God.

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hear from any of my friends.
—Howard D. Statum.

EDITORIALS...

MY FIRST VISIT WITH YOU

Greetings to all the Evangel subscription family in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

By this time you have been informed that you have a new Editor and while many of you are personally acquainted with me, hundreds of you are not. One thing I am sure of and that is that you have formed a real love and fondness for my predecessor, the Reverend J. H. Walker. He had endeared himself to the entire Church as a very capable General Overseer and formed a broad acquaintance in that field of labor. Therefore, it was easy to follow along after him as our Editor-in-Chief during the last two years.



Rev. J. D. Bright, Editor-in-Chief

The staff and I here will be limited. After we have put forth every effort possible in making the publications as good as we can, we will have accomplished little if you good state overseers, district pastors, youth directors, and good members and friends don't assume the role as salesmen and ardent boosters. This I feel you will do, because I am humbly appealing to you for this help in circulating our Christ-centered, holiness, Pentecostal, *Church of God* publications.

All of this is saying that much will naturally be expected of me in this new position as successor of Brothers J. H. Walker, E. C. Clark, E. L. Simmons, and others who have honored the Publishing House and Church with their services.

I humbly repeat a part of my statement of acceptance that I made to the Assembly, for the benefit of all who were not present:

"I deeply appreciate your confidence, and I assure you that I shall serve to the best of my ability. To a great extent you have already set the plans for my work and now it will become my responsibility to work those plans, by the help of those who are in the Publishing House, and I do believe I will have the cooperation of the employees. I feel that since you have placed me in this position I have a right to expect your prayers. I will need your prayers, your support, and your cooperation. I shall appreciate your support in subscribing to our publications. The only thing I have to offer—and I do it humbly and sincerely—is my full time and my sincere efforts."

The Evangel, like all the other publications that belong to the Church of God, is our responsibility. They are all projects of our own making. They can only be maintained and promoted by our efforts, and their circulation, progress, and success depend on us.

MOVING TIME

Yes, moving time came to so many that it has been quite a game which has required nothing less than the very best of cooperation for every one on the MOVE to get to his home base.

Here is the way the checking in and out went on. State Overseer of Tennessee, U. D. Tidwell, moved so State Overseer of Georgia, A. V. Beaube, could replace him, so that outgoing President of Lee College, E. L. Simmons, could succeed Beaube, thus leaving an opening for the new President, J. Stewart Brinsfield, the predecessor of the newly appointed Executive Missions Secretary, J. H. Walker, who moved to Brinsfield's house, leaving a residence for his successor, J. D. Bright. Overseer J. L. Goins, of Ohio, gave place to E. C. Clark, retiring Business Manager of the Publishing House, so that recently appointed successor, A. M. Phillips, could push off from the beautiful Hemp-hill church parsonage, which was immediately occupied by the Reverend U. D. Tidwell, so—well, this is the nature of the game that pastors, state overseers, and general officials have been playing for the last several days. Now I know that after running through this description, if you dear people who are waiting for us to arrive and land have discovered we are a bit jittery, you will exercise enough patience to pray for our RECOVERY and hope with us that we shall soon be at ourselves and our best in our various fields of labor. Please let us have your prayers.

O DISAPPOINTED?

I am sure the reaction to that question runs about like this: What is it to you? What could you do about it? Yes, I am; what solace, consolation-solution do you offer now?

Well, I may have brought up the wrong subject after all, sure enough. But I should like to just frankly state that I have had a few disappointments, too. Yet I have found out several things about disappointments. Let me say first that I have discovered that what appeared to be a terrible disappointment to me, later actually proved to be God's definite appointment for my life. Then I have observed that it is very easy to be self-centered and selfish about the nature of the task which falls our lot to do. The thing that gives rise to this attitude, many times, is a sense of disappointed pride, by feeling or thinking—at least concluding—that perhaps a fellow minister is being given more favorable consideration by the general officials, state overseer, and, if an evangelist, pastors.

Let us take it for granted that, in the dim distant past, a bit of partiality has been shown by those who were in power. Yet, you know and I know that such is not in keeping with the general rule and custom in the Church of God. No, for it is rather the exception to the rule.

Another thing, I am fully convinced that if a person will keep his life unreservedly committed into the hands of the Lord Jesus, neither the devil, circumstances, nor people will be able to prevent his eventual success and victory.

The Appointing Board, perhaps, did not, as usual, have enough states to appoint all aspirants over. Can they be blamed? There may have been some shifting and even dropping of state overseers that was hard for the indi-

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Second Exploratory Conference of Pentecostal Leaders Held at Chicago, Illinois, August 3 and 4

A second conference of Pentecostal leaders was held at Chicago, Illinois, August 3 and 4, 1948 to further explore the possibility of promoting greater fellowship among the various Pentecostal groups in North America and to consider the advisability of calling a constitutional convention. Twenty-seven persons were present, representing a dozen different organizations (see list beneath picture for names of most of those present). They voted to retain J. C. Jernigan, the temporary chairman, and J. R. Flower, the temporary secretary, as officers to serve until such time as a permanent organization is created.

There seems to be a strong and general desire in all Pentecostal bodies for a closer bond of fellowship with other Pentecostal groups. There is need of presenting a united front to the world. What a wonderful testimony it would be if we could state that we have a million Pentecostal believers in one fellowship in North America. There are many practical ways in which such a fellowship would be of great benefit in the work of the Lord; but, apart from these, it was pointed out that Pentecostal people out of all groups need to come together to pray and to seek the Lord in unity of heart, to let the Lord melt us that we may flow together in the Spirit. There is need of getting something fresh from God. There is a hunger for revival all over the land. We should come together and stay together until we feel God has had His way in our hearts.

There were three meetings, and after a full and free discussion it was agreed by all that a constitutional convention be held in Des Moines, Iowa, October 26-28, 1948. The convention will open with a prayer meeting on the night of October 26 in the Church of the Open Bible Standard. There will be a mass meeting on the night of October 27.

A committee was appointed to draft a suggested Constitution and By-laws and to have the same ready to present to the constitutional convention. Members of the committee are J. R. Flower,

E. J. Fulton, Howard P. Courtney, and H. L. Chesser.

Name

The conference voted to recommend that the name of the proposed association be, "The Pentecostal Fellowship of North America," with the explanation that this Fellowship is "an association of Pentecostal Evangelical bodies united for the promotion of spiritual fellowship and co-ordination of missionary and evangelistic effort throughout the world."

Statement of Faith

It further recommended that the following Statement of Faith be adopted:

1. We believe the Bible to be the inspired, the only infallible authoritative Word of God.

2. We believe that there is one God, eternally existent in three persons: Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

3. We believe in the deity of our Lord Jesus Christ, in His virgin birth, in His sinless life, in His miracles, in His vicarious and atoning sacrifice through His shed blood, in His bodily resurrection, in His ascension to the right hand of the Father, and in His personal return in power and glory.

4. We believe that for the salvation of lost and sinful men regeneration by the Holy Spirit is absolutely essential.

5. We believe that the Full Gospel includes healing for the body and the Baptism in the Holy Spirit with the initial evidence of speaking in other tongues as the Spirit gives utterance.

6. We believe in the present ministry of the Holy Spirit by whose indwelling the Christian is enabled to live a godly life.

7. We believe in the resurrection of both the saved and the lost; they that are saved unto the resurrection of life, and they that are lost unto the resurrection of damnation.

8. We believe in the spiritual unity of believers in our Lord Jesus Christ.

Objectives

The objectives of Pentecostal Fellowship will be:

1. To provide a vehicle of expression

and for co-ordination of effort in matters common to all member bodies.

2. To demonstrate to the world the essential unity of Spirit-baptized believers, fulfilling the prayer of the Lord Jesus "that they all may be one." John 17:21.

3. To provide services to our constituents which will enable them to accomplish more quickly and efficiently their responsibility for the speedy evangelization of the world.

4. To encourage the principles of comity for the nurture of the Body of Christ, keeping the unity of the Spirit until we all come to the unity of the faith.

Missionary Co-operation

It was agreed that we encourage cooperative efforts in:

1. Schools and homes for missionaries' children on foreign fields.

2. Missionary receiving homes in foreign port cities and in the homeland.

3. Use of facilities of mutual benefit, such as radio, aviation transport, gospel recordings, etc.

4. Printing, literature, and translation work.

5. Providing relief through recognized channels.

6. Manning mission stations in absence of fellow missionaries.

7. Providing homes for aged missionaries and ministers.

Proposed Basis for Organization

When the Pentecostal Fellowship comes into being there will be an Executive Committee, consisting of a chairman, two vice-chairmen, a secretary, and a treasurer. There will be a Board of Administration having twenty members in addition to the five members of the Executive Committee. Candidates for all offices will be chosen by a nominating committee. All constituent bodies (individual churches, groups, denominations, and institutions) will be entitled to one delegate for each 5,000 members up to 25,000 membership, and one additional delegate for each additional 25,000 members or fraction thereof. There will be



Front row, left to right: C. B. Smith, Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada; E. J. Fulton, Open Bible Standard Churches; Howard P. Courtney, International Church of the Foursquare Gospel; John C. Jernigan, Church of God; J. Roswell Flower, Assemblies of God; H. L. Chesser, C. of G.

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Back row: Herman D. Mitzner, I. C. of F. G.; Harry H. Hodge United Gospel Tabernacle; Jack Arnold, Holy Gospel Church; J. Stewart Brinsfield, C. of G.; C. M. Wortman, P. A. of C.; Noel Perkin, A. of G.; Edward B. Hill, Zion Evangelistic Fellowship; Howard A. Goss, United Pentecostal Church.

an annual meeting for the purpose of electing officers and transacting business.

Representation

The Pentecostal groups represented at this second exploratory conference were: Assemblies of God, Church of God (Cleveland Tenn.), Church of the Bible, Elim Missionary Assemblies, Holy Gospel Church, International Church of the Foursquare Gospel, International Pentecostal Assemblies, Open Bible Standard Churches, Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada, Pentecostal Church of God of America, United Gospel Tabernacle (Beaumont, Tex.), Zion Evangelistic Fellowship Churches. Attention is called however, to the fact that there still are no members of the proposed Pentecostal Fellowship of

North America. The work that has been accomplished so far is purely exploratory, and those taking part in the conferences have no official standing whatever. After the adoption of a Constitution in a constitutional convention, and the Board of Administration has been chosen, all Pentecostal groups desiring membership will be required to make application for membership on the basis of the Constitution, and the Board of Administration will be entrusted with the responsibility of acting upon all applications.

Constitutional Convention

Pentecostal churches, institutions, groups, and denominations which are interested are urged to send delegates to the constitutional convention in

Des Moines on the basis of representation proposed above. In view of the nature of the convention, there should also be a large attendance from interested Pentecostal people on a non-voting basis. The dates will be Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, October 26 to 28, 1948. Those desiring reservations in hotels or entertainment in private homes should write to E. J. Fulton, 851 19th Street, Des Moines, Iowa.

The Lord Jesus is still praying. He ever lives to pray us through. Thirty years of living; three years of serving; one tremendous act of dying; nineteen hundred years of praying. What an emphasis on prayer!—S. D. Gordon.

GREENVILLE NO.1 SENDS \$760 FOR LEE COLLEGE

The following is the conversation over the telephone between Rev. Earl P. Paulk, pastor of the Church of God, Greenville, South Carolina, and our General Secretary-Treasurer, Rev. R. R. Walker.

"We are mailing check today for \$760 as full payment of \$1.00 per member drive on payment of Lee College."

This is quite characteristic of Rev. Earl P. Paulk, the outstanding pastor of Greenville No.1 church. It is not only characteristic of him but also of his great membership. I am sure other pastors and churches will be following in hot pursuit by sending

in their allotments in keeping with our decision in the General Assembly.—J. D. B.

Signal Mountain Church, Tenn., was second to send in its full payment of \$1.00 per member on Lee College. The amount was \$52 and the pastor is Rev. Jake Knight.

OUR LEE COLLEGE

(Rulings passed in recent Assembly)

45. That the sale of Lee College notes be continued, and that each minister receiving the maximum amount allowed by the General Assembly, and others who are financially able, be encouraged to take the lead in pur-

chasing said notes by subscribing to at least 10 per cent of their net income monthly. Further, that notes should not be cashed within two years, except in case of emergency.

46. Whereas, the Church in its expansion program is in a financial strain and in need of \$220,000, January 1, 1949, as payment on educational expansion program, that each church raise a freewill offering, and make this amount at least equivalent to \$1.00 per member, with the request that the pastors do their very best to send this amount to General Head-

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Speaking With Other Tongues

By Evangelist H. E. Hendrick

The worldly wise say it is foolishness. What saith the Word of God? and its prophets, who, when moved upon by the Spirit of God and under the divine direction of the Holy Spirit, penned the most famous words called the "Holy Writ," which have withstood the onslaught of Satan these past ages and centuries, and as declared by God's own Son, that "heaven and earth shall pass away, but my Word shall not pass away"? Though the skeptics, infidels, atheists, and modern-day church members still shake their heads and rail at the truth, the Word of God endures; and the words of the holy apostles ring out in defense of all unbelief that would destroy it. Such are the words of the greatest apostle of all times, Paul, called and ordained of God to break the truth into simple teaching, that all men would be without excuse.

1 Cor. 1:25-29, "Because the foolishness of God is wiser than men; and the weakness of God is stronger than men. For ye see your calling, brethren, how that not many wise men after the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble, are called: but God hath chosen the foolish things of the world to confound the wise; and God hath chosen the weak things of the world to confound the things which are mighty; and base things of the world, and things which are despised, hath God chosen, yea, and things which are not, to bring to nought things that are: (Why?) That no flesh should glory in his presence."

There has been nothing so despised and rejected since the rejection and crucifixion of Jesus as the baptism of the Holy Ghost with the evidence of speaking in "other tongues." The Pharisaical hypocrites (even since the day of Pentecost) cried out (after acknowledging that it was a miracle to hear the Galileans speak everyone in his native language "the wonderful works of God," and though those speaking were "devout men from every nation under heaven," Acts 2:5), "These men are full of new wine," Acts 2:13; but it was the foolishness of God to confound the wise. If God had sent an angel down here to dance a few rounds with them, or hang their chins

over a bar to drink a few little "no harm drinks," or even to sit down for a few games of bridge, friendly poker (\$1.00 stakes), or two or three rounds of golf, saying by that, "You can enjoy the pleasures of the world and the power of the Holy Ghost, too," it would have been fine and readily accepted by all; but those precious "about 120 people" believed Jesus enough to "tarry in Jerusalem until ye be endued with power from on high," Acts 1:4-9.

They were not seeking "tongues," but today, that is about all some people seek for and about all they have, for there is a sad lack of "power." The 120 were waiting on God for the "promise," and, friend, if God deemed it all-wise to answer the prayers of those who were willing to shut themselves up to praise, pray, and bless God for ten days and nights to receive the glorious endowment of power with the evidence of speaking with other tongues, to let the unbelieving and dormant world know that God had sent the Holy Ghost to dwell within their temples of clay, we should be smart enough to say that God knew His business, so much so that we little weak fragments of dust are certainly foolish to try to change God's Word, also to say there isn't anything to it and flatly refuse to accept it.

I remember an illustration given by Brother Slay in school that will fit in here nicely. A poor backwoods boy from Georgia had gone to St. Louis, obtained a job, and become fairly prosperous; that is, to the extent that he had linoleums on the floors, an electric refrigerator, etc.; and he had successfully, after many attempts, persuaded his father to pay him a visit. After buying a new pair of overalls and shoes and getting a hair cut and shave, he took him to Forest Park to the zoo and bought him a bag of luscious, buttered popcorn. As they enthusiastically viewed the sights, suddenly, peering over a high fence at them was one of nature's wonders, a giraffe. The old man would look, take a bite of popcorn, look at his son, clear his throat, and take another bite. After repeating this several times, finally he said, "Son, there just

ain't no sech thing a livin' as that thing thar."

So it is with you, witnessing the blessing in the lives of your loved ones, friends, and ministers. You still say, "Oh, it isn't unbelief, or it isn't that I do not want it, but I just do not understand it." But think a minute—what is refusal to understand but unbelief? Nowhere in the Bible are you asked to understand it. Nicodemus tried that theory on our Lord about the new birth. Did Jesus argue with him an hour and say, If you can understand the new birth, you can have it? No, sir! He said, "Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God."

Jesus did not say in Acts 1:4, "If you can understand it, wait for the promise of the Father," but commanded them not to depart until they had received it. It is just as much a command to the disciple (follower of Christ) today.

Brother, sister, skeptic, and just plain doubter, if it was good enough for Jesus' own mother (Acts 1:14), I am sure it will not hurt you. It was prophesied by Joel (2:28) and confirmed by Peter (Acts 2:14-22). You hear a lot about these unscriptural teachings. Some say, "Oh, it is of the devil!" Yes, they said Jesus cast out devils by the prince of devils, "Beelzebub," and that His works were of the devil. But there were some, thank God, then, as today, who said, "These are not the words of him that hath a devil. Can a devil open the eyes of the blind?" John 10:21. That is the question I want to put to you. Did you ever see the devil's works take a confirmed drunkard and make a missionary? a home that is broken up, husband and wife at variance with each other, the children running the streets, sadly neglected, and turn it into a beautiful place of love and happiness? Do you know of any cases that have been changed like this in your community by the influence of Pentecostal works? And do you still have the audacity to say, "I can't understand it, or it is of the devil"?

Jesus, by the way of answer to the Pharisees, said, "And every city or house divided against itself shall not stand." (Continued from page 15)

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The Fortune That Came to Bud Robinson

Romans 8:28 was a puzzle to me till June 1, 1919. My slate was made up for a year; strange that I should be run down by a big automobile. The doctor said, "You are broken into smithereens." God had that on His program when making up my slate.

On my way home from meeting in San Francisco, I got hemmed in between two big autos. One of them had to get me. To get broken up by an auto is not a gradual process; it is instantaneous! I went thirty feet in the air and then when I fell the auto ran over me. My left leg was broken in three places, and both arms in three places. When they got out of the car the man's wife said, "Oh, we have killed you!" "No," I said, "I don't think I'm dead. I'm not in heaven."

A policeman came over and began swearing at the driver. I said, "Captain, don't you cuss this man. I'm a minister. This man's not to blame; don't arrest him."

I was pulled out, nearly broken to pieces. From my knee down, I wouldn't have given a nickel for my leg. My left arm was pulled clear out and broken and split up. It was an awful crash. My right arm was broken and pieces of bone driven right into the muscle. When I got to the emergency hospital, it looked like it was impossible to be broken up any worse. At the hospital was the roughest set I ever saw. I suppose they thought I was a rough one. They handled me like cord wood. Oh, what suffering!

It was two a.m. before I could get them to call up Brother Cornell or Brother Smith; a Catholic priest came in smelling like a brewery. He asked me if I had anything I wanted to confess. I said, "I want to confess that Jesus saved and sanctified me." He didn't understand that.

A big doctor of Leland Stanford Hospital came to examine me. He asked my age. When I told him, he said, "Not much hope. You'll have to tell me how you have lived before I can do much for you." I said, "I have been a minister of the gospel for thirty-nine years." He said, "Oh, I don't know anything about that." He told me he had been educated in Paris where they knew no God and that all his life he had lived without God or religion, and that some minis-

ters had not lived too clean lives. "How have you lived morally?" he asked. "Well, doctor, I haven't touched tobacco since I was a little boy." He said I'd get well. He tested my blood and said my blood was as pure as a child's. He said, "If your system were filled with liquor or nicotine, there would be no hope for you. This arm is in an awful shape; I'm afraid you will have to lose it." They brought an ambulance to take me to the Leland Stanford Hospital.

On Tuesday, at 7 a.m., I went on the table. I came out from under the influence of the ether about twelve o'clock. One day the muscles began to draw, and I screamed as loud as I could. I said, "Doctor, it's killing me. How long will it last?" He said, "From twelve to twenty-four hours." I told wife to call up Dr. Goodwin down at the Nazarene Assembly and ask them to pray. While they were praying a stream of liquid gold came down from heaven and went down that leg to the end of my toe; it went up and came down again, and instantly that leg was free from pain. I saw prayers applied to that mangled leg—the remedy was in heaven. The doctor didn't know about it. I told him they had prayed about it, and he finally confessed, "Oh, yes, that is nice."

In three days the Lord took me to heaven. I saw the saints—millions of them—and so much more beautiful in looks than the angels. They were there all around me, and Jesus appeared in the midst. The great organs of heaven began to play and a choir of millions of saints sang; they sang, "Companionship with Jesus, oh how sweet." I was brought out and stood before Jesus. I could see my heart and it was whiter than the driven snow. Ah, the beautiful Christ as I stood before Him! Two preachers whom I loved walked out of the multitude, and stood on either side of me, and Jesus talked with me, then they sent me back. I was in the hospital shouting. The doctors and nurses said, "The little preacher is dying." I said, "Oh, no, this is not death." I kept on shouting; I never shouted that way before in my life.

The doctor would come in the morning to dress my arm, and as he would dress my arm I would shout. I

would tell him how much I loved him. God put him under conviction and he said, "I've said a thousand times there isn't a Christian on earth, but we have one here; this man has got the real thing."

One day as he was probing my wounded arm and cleaning it up, he said, "If we can't clean it up, we will have to take it off." He drew out a wad of putrid stuff, and when he pulled it out he shouted, "Glory be to God!" He said, "We have got it out and saved your life." Again he said, "Glory to God! we have got it out." God made an infidel doctor do the shouting when I couldn't do any shouting myself.

I stayed in the hospital for twenty-three days. When I was about to leave, the big doctor came in to see me and said, "Brother Buddie, do you love me?" The third time he called, and was about to go out, he broke down and cried and bawled out loud. Between Frisco and Los Angeles I shouted five hundred miles. A wave of glory swept over me.

At Pasadena I went to the hospital. Bills ran up to \$1,600 and more, and money began to pour in from all over the U.S.A. God worked a miracle. God got hold of every nurse that waited on me. I heard one of them praying one night. She asked me to pray for her that she might get religion like I had. Not one time in all those months—not a moment—did I ever feel anger or impatience or unkindness toward anybody in the world. The greatest trouble I had in the hospital was to keep from shouting myself to death. I had five months and a half of it.

As for letters, one time my wife had one hundred and three letters to answer. Letters came from people who had been converted in my meetings all over the country. Some came to me. People used to speak to me about my misfortune. I would say, "Hold on there; this is my fortune." I love Jesus more than ever before. It's worth all the suffering I have had. All the job I have now is to tell about Jesus. I have notified the Lord to give me all the good that is intended for you which you don't want.

Today the Lamb is divided up. Some accept His personality and scorn His

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Rev. H. L. Chesser

OUR GENERAL OVERSEER is none other than our dear Brother H. L. Chesser. Brother Chesser has been marking time in the Church of God for a number of years, in faithful, consecrated service as evangelist, pastor, district pastor, state overseer, member of the Supreme Council, and for the last four years, Assistant General Overseer to our honorable ex-General Overseer, Rev. John C. Jernigan.

We could by no means be at ease with any one at the head of our beloved denomination who is not qualified SPIRITUALLY, MORALLY, and INTELLECTUALLY. The votes by the General Ministers' Council and the General Assembly showed that we believe Brother Chesser is the man for the place. Not only that, but by our votes we have placed ourselves under obligation to give to him our prayers and wholehearted cooperation. Let us not fail him.

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**NEWLY ELECTED ASSISTANT
GENERAL OVERSEER** Zeno C. Tharp comes to us from a very broad field of activity in the Church. He knows what it is to pioneer for the Church in evangelistic service, and labor as pastor and district pastor. We shall never forget him as the President of our educational department, both in Cleveland and Sevierville. Neither will our sons and daughters forget the fatherly interest he showed them while they were in his care. He has been one of the most discreet and capable counselors that the Supreme Council has



Rev. Zeno C. Tharp

ever had. For the last three years the State of South Carolina had the privilege of having him as their overseer. Now, after his many years of experience in these various positions, we have elected him to be our Assistant General Overseer. Really, I feel that we are to be complimented for having selected two of the most sincere, devout, spiritual, farseeing, wise-hearted men within our ranks to do teamwork at the head of our denomination. God bless them and cause His face to shine upon them.



Rev. R. R. Walker

PERSON

IN RE-ELECTING Reverend R. R. Walker to serve as GENERAL SECRETARY AND TREASURER, we retained a princely Christian gentleman whose integrity is beyond the slightest question and whom we are perfectly safe in trusting with the thousands of dollars that shall go to our treasury for the different departments. Brother Walker has built up for himself a very enviable record in his general ministerial work. Yet we, no doubt, as a denomination think of him more definitely as an outstanding factor in our school where he served as principal for a number of years and endeared himself to the hearts of the students and those associated with him. Before his first election to the office of General Secretary and Treasurer two years ago, he was serving as a member of the Supreme Council.



Rev. J. H. Walker

EXECUTIVE MISSIONS SECRETARY

A new personality is in our executive missions secretary office. That person is none other than Reverend J. H. Walker, preacher, teacher, Superintendent of our Bible Training School, member of the Supreme Council, General Overseer for nine years, President of our school again, member of the Supreme Council again, and for the last two years our Editor-in-Chief of all church publications. Needless to say that I feel honored to succeed a

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Brother Walker is in the work where, regardless of the various offices he has held, his heart has been. When he preaches on missions his sincere, humble, heart-sponsored tears melt everyone's heart into submission to the mission spirit. The Lord bless him in his work.



Rev. J. S. Brinsfield

PRESIDENT OF LEE COLLEGE

Will be just as wholehearted for our college as he was for the Mission Department, and we who know him at his work know that he gave mind, heart, soul, and strength. He is a handsome six-footer, full of health, vigor, zeal, and spiritual zest. He is friendly and likeable, and I share the confidence of many that Reverend J. Steward Brinsfield will be successful as President of our educational department. Lying behind him are several years of activity in the Church of God. He became a Christian and member of the Church of God at the early age of twelve, and while in his youth he was licensed and began his ministerial career to serve as evangelist, pastor, state overseer, Executive Missions Secretary, member of Supreme Council, and now to serve in the responsible position of President of Lee College.



Rev. A. M. Phillips

BUSINESS MANAGER OF OUR PUBLISHING HOUSE

The Reverend A. M. Phillips comes to the Publishing House to be the successor of Rev. E. C. Clark, who has gone to Ohio as state overseer. Brother Phillips has to his credit a very enviable record as evangelist and pastor. He was recently elected to the Supreme council.

This is a new field of labor for Brother Phillips, but the splendid record he has made for himself in pastoring one of the largest churches in our denomination, from not only a spiritual but also a business standpoint, gave the Supreme Council ample grounds for hiring him for this responsible position.

Much depends on the success of the Publishing House from a business standpoint, and item number one in this category is support for Lee College. Brother Phillips is a lover of our school and understands its needs as well as that which is expected of him in a general way as much as a new man could, and we have confidence in his ability to do the job.

REV. WILLIAM F. DYCH TO SUPERINTEND THE ORPHANAGE

Brother Dych is a native of Pennsylvania. He has been in ministerial work for fifteen years, ten of which has been devoted to the Church of God. He and Mrs. Dych had devoted a lot of time to youth work and naturally felt much at home when they came to the Boys' Home on Lee Highway five years ago.

After supervising the Boys' Home for several months, Brother Dych ac-



Rev. W. F. Dych

cepted a pastorate in Iowa, which he served for a period of sixteen months or more. Again he accepted a call to the orphanage, this time to have charge of the Benton Pike Home and farm.

Now he succeeds Brother J. A. Muncy, who did a noble job for four years, as Superintendent of our orphanage department.

ACCEPTANCE SPEECHES

Rev. John C. Jernigan Turns Gavel over to Rev. H. L. Chesser

It was indeed a very impressive moment when our beloved outgoing General Overseer, John C. Jernigan, climaxed his successful administration by presenting the gavel to his team mate, H. L. Chesser, with the following statement:

"I present to you this gavel as a symbol of authority, and I pledge to you my full-hearted cooperation in every way during your administration. I sincerely hope, and believe that you will have a successful administration."

Our New General Overseer's Acceptance Speech

"I have served you for the past four years as Assistant General Overseer, and now that you have placed me in this office as your General Overseer, I will do my best to serve you with all that is within me. Never in the history of the Church of God have we

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Foreign Missions

All the World—
Every Creature

J. H. WALKER
Executive Missions Secretary

Special Notice

Brother Herman Lauster, at the General Assembly, informed us that those desiring to send food packages will help the needy people in Germany more if they will send them money, since food is available there and money goes so much farther now, with the present rate of exchange. Anyone desiring to send special offerings to them, please direct same to Church of God Missions Department, and your state will be given credit.

Books! Library Books for Utila (British Honduras)

Reverend and Mrs. O'Neil McCullough, in Utila, British Honduras, are in need of books for their school library.

In August they completed their first month of school and gave examinations and, of course, they are making some discoveries as they go. The weather has been very hot and stifling; both have been sick. Sister McCullough fainted once while teaching in the classroom.

"The school interest is good and bids fair to improve. It's a tremendous task to teach the grown folks . . . The younger ones learn more quickly."

Write these energetic, self-sacrificing missionaries.

If you have some good general library books you can give for this worthy cause, they and we will appreciate it very much. They are hopeful of adding another thousand books this year. Write us—J. Herbert Walker, Sr.

Excerpt From Letter of August 31

Greetings in the precious name of Jesus!

We are here in Alaska at last, safe and sound. We started August 4, and drove into Palmer, August 28. We were twenty-four days on the road; had

all kinds of trouble, but still have the victory. Praise God!

The roads were terrible from the Canadian border until we reached the Alaska Highway. In places they were so "washboardy" that we had to drive at least forty miles an hour to keep the car from shaking apart, and if one kept up a forty-mile pace long, the tires would heat and blow out. When we turned off the Alaska Highway on the Slana-Tok road a rear wheel bearing went bad, and that was one part I did not think to carry with me. There is no bus service on that road so I caught a ride on a truck and rode 315 miles into Anchorage; I bought a bearing, rode back on the bus for 200 miles and hitch-hiked 106 miles back to Log Cabin Inn, where the car and family were. I was gone after the bearing two nights and one and one-half days. I put the bearing in on the afternoon of the second day, and the next morning we were on the road again. In many places we paid as much as sixty-eight cents a gallon for gas.

I have to start cutting and hauling fuel for winter at once, as we have none. It has already started to frost and freeze here at night. Paul and I snowballed August 24 on the way here. My radiator froze one night at Burwash Landing and we started at four o'clock the next morning; of course, we had to stop and cover it up to thaw it out. Some cold for August!

Brother Savchenko has surely worked hard here, and the people I have met think a lot of him and his family. I hope to get a church set in order here this year.—Sincerely, J. H. Davis, Overseer of Alaska.

Revivals in St. Lucia

I have been asked by our overseer, Reverend J. B. Winter, to make a report of my work among our churches as island evangelist. We held a revival

at three of our churches up to the present, during which time seventy-six souls, backsliders, and sinners sought the Lord. One sister received her Baptism beautifully, and many have been anointed. Crowds were revived and blessed in our last revival at Crab Hill, St. Lucia. It was a pleasure for me, after our early morning service, to visit the home of one young girl about the age of twelve. As I entered the home, her mother told me how much she suffered from asthma, and as we bowed in prayer the child said, "Lord, if I have sinned against thee, forgive me." It was so very pathetic for a child, with tears in her eyes. Since then I have seen her each night during the revival; you could hardly believe that it was the same child.

We were able to organize a Y.P.E. in the Crab Hill Church, with a very fine young man as the president and a lovely group of boys and girls that came to the altar during the revival. I have no regrets for having been appointed island evangelist; it gives me such a great privilege to contact the same people that I worked among eighteen years ago.—I am yours faithfully, Mrs. L. W. Green.

MY PERSONAL TESTIMONY

*By Rev. O. Olson of Oslo, Norway—
Pastoring in California*

I was confirmed, at the age of fourteen, in the Lutheran Church in Oslo, Norway, but confirmation does not save from sin. I believe in confirmation, but not in that kind.

My father was a great drunkard and gambler, so I was brought up in that kind of environment and went deep into the ways of sin. I heard Rev. William Sunday, a man I esteemed very highly for his work's sake. He was very enthusiastic over the Eighteenth Amendment previous to its adoption in to the Constitution of our country. He made the statement, I believe it was sixty days after the prohibition amendment went into effect, "There will be signs all through hell, Rooms for Rent." I have all the sympathy in the world for the Eighteenth Amendment, but it failed to deliver me from the demon of drink.

When the prohibition amendment was in effect, it failed to bring this godless world closer to God. You can take the liquor away from a drunkard and put him behind prison bars where he will never be able to touch

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REQUESTS FOR PRAYER

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My sister to be healed and saved, also Mrs. Coble; God to save my husband.—Lillian Grant, Burlington, N. C.

God to completely heal my body; my husband to be saved.—Mrs. Rhoda Jones, George-town, S. C.

The Lord to heal my mother; an unspoken request.—Minnie Lee Coker, Montgomery, Ala.

The Lord to heal me of high blood pressure and heart trouble.—Mrs. Mary Jenkins, Adiro, Ga.

My healing.—Mrs. Annie Mae Carver, West Blocton, Ala.

The healing of my husband and daughter; my husband and me to receive the Holy Ghost.—Mrs. E. M. Hodges, Jacksonville, Fla.

Me to be healed of kidney and nerve trouble.—Mrs. Florence E. Stuem, Statesboro, Ga.

My sister who has a growth coming on her collar bone; my daughter who is very sick, also my husband's brother; my husband to be healed.—Mrs. C. A. Walker, Gid, Ark.

God to help me overcome my trial.—A Child of God.

God to heal my body.—Mrs. J. L. Cockrell, Magee, Miss.

God to heal my body and baptize me with

the Holy Ghost.—Mrs. Gwendolyn Cantrall, Wichita, Kans.

My son and daughter to be saved; my brother to be saved and healed.—A Reader, Heiskell, Tenn.

Hazel Butler whom doctors have given up and who is in a critical condition, also her soul; a woman who once had the blessing.—Emma L. Floyd, Shelburn, Ind.

The healing of my body; my unsaved children.—Mrs. Effie Vise, Heflin, Ala.

My neighbor who is very ill with heart trouble and stomach ulcer; my husband to be saved.—Mrs. G. W. Ramey, Stephenson, W. Va.

The complete healing of my body; saving of my family.—Mrs. Dorothy McPherson, Princeton, W. Va.

My adopted son to stop drinking and serve our blessed Saviour.—Mrs. S. M. Swain, Tampa, Fla.

Me to be healed.—Vertie Harkins, Calhoun, Ga.

The healing of my daughter-in-law who is in the hospital; my brother's healing.—Lovenia Sparks, Paint Lick, Ky.

A very urgent personal request.—Cloa Payton, Indianapolis, Ind.

God to free my boy of the smoking habit and save him; his wife to receive the Holy Ghost.—Mrs. Otwy Gurgone.

spiring message and everyone enjoyed it. Brother A. H. Mushegan, of Columbus, Georgia, was in charge of the afternoon service. After he and his wife played and sang several special songs, he preached the dedicatory message. It was also a divine message. We also took an offering to pay for the cement to go on the floor, so we hope to have the floor in in a short time.—A. L. Browning, Clerk.

OBITUARIES

"Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints," Ps. 116:15.

JONES

Our dear Brother Ozzie Jones passed away to be with Jesus August 24, 1948. He was a faithful member of the Church of God for fifteen years at Hazel Green, Ky. He was seventy-nine years of age. He leaves his family and a host of friends, but we feel our loss is heaven's gain.—Randie Moore.

SPINKS

Brother Pearly Murriel Spinks departed this life May 19, 1948, to be with Jesus. He was born March 17, 1904, and died May 19, 1948. He was a member of the Church of God at Salem, W. Va., for many years. He will be missed by many friends and loved ones.—Thelma Haught.

FREDONIA, KANSAS, D.V.B.S.



Zoe Brown, of Ft. Worth, Texas, conducted the Daily Vacation Bible School, as shown above, where 177 pupils were enrolled (134 in the picture).

It is believed that this is the greatest Daily Vacation Bible School we have west of the Mississippi. This is a new church, only a little over two years old. They have built a nice church 40x60 feet, with basement. It is located near the center of town. They have a nice six-room parsonage. The church, with only 54 members, has done a splendid job, for they owe less than \$5,000 on it all.

Pray for them. The L. W. W. B. pays regularly \$113 on the notes. Rev. W. R. Collins, of Fredonia, Kansas, is their pastor.—J. H. Walker.

ACCEPTANCE SPEECHES

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had an Assistant voted in as General Overseer, neither have we ever before had a limit in office, that a man should go out after having served for four years, which I think is the reason everything has gone so smoothly in this Council. Brother Jernigan has served us faithfully, and his work stands for itself, and you have your confidence in him as a man of God. We have labored together for what we thought was the best interest of the Church for these four years—years of responsibilities and decisions. It has always been my policy to serve in whatever capacity the Church saw fit to place me. Now that you have chosen me as your General Overseer, I realize I have a tremendous responsibility, but by your help and prayers I will do my best. I so much appreciate the good spirit in this Minister's Council, and so far in the Assembly. It has been a great occasion and wonderful fellowship. It is because of that fellowship and the consideration you have had for the other fellow that God has given us such gains in the past two years. The Church has made great progress, and we hope nothing will hinder its progress in the future. We are not here to be a boss, but to be a servant of the Church, and we believe you will give us your cooperation. May God bless you. Our policy in the past has been that when the General Overseer was selected, that new official took charge, but I have always thought it was best for the man who was serving as General Overseer to carry out the program that he had planned, and I suggest this morning that Brother Jernigan continue to moderate through this Assembly and to read the state overseers and missionaries."

Rev. Zeno C. Tharp Accepts Office of Assistant General Overseer

"I appreciate your vote of confidence to the office of Assistant General Overseer. I realize the responsibilities that will fall upon our shoulders. I feel that the field is open for the greatest evangelistic opportunities we have ever had, and we have the heaviest financial obligation in the history of the Movement; but I believe everyone of us will answer this challenge, and we covet your prayers and cooperation. I am glad, since I have been placed in this position, to have the privilege of working with the Gen-

eral Overseer you have selected. I know of no one with whom I would prefer to work. May the Lord bless each one of you."

Rev. R. R. Walker, General Secretary and Treasurer, Speaks

Brother Walker's endorsement for this office means that he is succeeding himself. This is a compliment to him and his work. Following is his acceptance speech:

"I appreciate this opportunity this morning, and thank you for your vote of confidence in selecting me for the second term as your General Secretary and Treasurer. I have observed the growth of the Church in membership and finance for these two years. It has been my happy privilege to be your servant, and I want to continue to be your servant for these two years. My time is your time, and all that I have and all that I expect to be I owe to God, who has made me what I am, and to the Church of God. I shall strive with all my heart and strength to serve in such a way that at the end of these two years you will not be ashamed of my service. May God bless you is my prayer."

J. D. Bright Succeeds J. H. Walker as Editor-in-Chief

"My fellow ministers and members of this great Assembly, you have shown great confidence in me in selecting me to the office of Editor-in-Chief of our publications. I deeply appreciate your confidence and I assure you that I shall serve to the best of my ability. To a great extent you have already set the plans for my work and now it will become my responsibility to work those plans by the help of those who are in the Publishing House, and I do believe I will have the cooperation

of the employees. I feel that since you have placed me in this position I have a right to expect your prayers. I shall need your prayers, your support and your cooperation, and I shall appreciate your support in subscribing to our publications. The only thing I have to offer—and I do it humbly and sincerely—is my full time and my sincere efforts."

Ralph Williams Elected National Youth Director

There was hearty approval of this new method of installing the National Youth Director, and it is evident that Brother Williams, as well as the entire Youth department, will feel that the Church is more solidly behind them by giving this general endorsement.

Brother Williams has proven to be a very efficient, influential, likeable, and capable leader. He accepted the office as National Youth Director as follows:

"Thank you, Brother Jernigan. I sincerely appreciate this expression of your confidence in me. I pledge to do my very best to help promote the interest of the Church of God. I do not know how you feel about it, but to me it depends on the way we train our young people today, as to what kind of Church we shall have in the future. I desire your prayers, and may God bless each one of you."



Rev. Ralph Williams

REPORTS on Our Assembly

Monday Night Service Reporter, Rev. Manuel F. Campbell

Once again the friendly City of Birmingham extended a warm welcome to the delegates to the General Assembly of the Church of God. The hospitality, cooperation, and many acts of kindness were humbly accepted and enjoyed by those in attendance.

The Forty-second General Assembly, in many respects, will be regarded as the greatest Assembly in the entire history of the Church of God.

The service on Monday evening was

a climax to the other great services. The singing was beautiful and the preaching soul-stirring. The precious Holy Ghost warmed our hearts and made us to sit together in heavenly places. Thank God for His blessings!

Rev. J. A. Rafferty conducted the devotion for this service. Rev. O. C. Crank led the congregation in prayer. Shouts of praise to God were uttered in the huge Municipal Auditorium by determined, Spirit-filled men and women as Brother Whitt Denson directed the inspiring song "I Feel Like

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Traveling On." Jane Smothers blessed the congregation by beautifully rendering the song "I Love that Man of Galilee." Rev. and Mrs. Bill Evoy were appreciated for their singing as only the Eloys can.

The first evening speaker was Mr. Claude Watson, who spoke on "Temperance." He stated, "Righteousness in action is holiness. He further stated, "We must get above personality and think of principle." In his closing remarks he declared that people should "stand for holiness in public life as well as private life."

Little Don Watson, age fourteen, thrilled the hearts as he sang "The Meeting in the Air." Don is a native of Kentucky. He has no father or mother. A kind businessman of Birmingham plans to help Don attend our Lee College this fall. The prolific composer, appreciated by the thousands, Rev. Vep Ellis, sang "We Are Riding the Range for Jesus."

The principal speaker of the evening was Rev. James L. Slay, who very forcibly spoke on "Pentecostal Evangelism. He informed his congregation that "Pentecostal evangelism" is the only kind of evangelism there is. He pointed out that "our job is to bring a message of joy and hope to the world. The world is dying for this old-time message. Let us not get away from the power of God."

This wonderful service ended as all great services should end—hungry hearts praying to God Almighty for spiritual power and the anointing of the Holy Ghost.

The L.W.W.B. Department Gave an Impressive Program

Mrs. Houston R. Morehead, Reporter

The 42nd General Assembly is now history and many have remarked that it stands out as one of the greatest.

We, the woman of the Church, appreciate the fact that the L.W.W.B. was not overlooked, but a prominent place was given us on the program.

Mrs. M. P. Cross as chairman, with the aid of her committee, Mrs. A. V. Beaube, Mrs. L. L. Hughes, Mrs. E. W. Williams, and the writer, arranged the program. Our theme song, "We'll Work Till Jesus Comes," signified our determination to keep working for God and His Church until He says, "It's enough, come up higher." The Cleveland Trio, composed of Mrs. Ralph Williams, Mrs. James L. Slay, and Mrs. Earl Paulk, Jr., sang two lovely numbers. The address by Mrs.

Hughes Morehead was deeply moving. Someone expressed it as being scholarly. We were also favored to have Mrs. S. J. Woods to speak for us. This was an interesting feature since she was the founder of the L.W.W.B. It didn't appear that her zeal had lessened any with the years. I'm sure all enjoyed both of these talks. The committee members, along with Sister Cross, the chairman, all gave brief comments as to our appreciation for the fine work the ladies of the Church are doing. In conclusion, Mrs. Robert Johnson sang the beautiful selection "After." It brought tears of joy to our eyes as we thought of our hope, so steadfast, so sure.

We are expecting greater reports yet when these next two years are finished, for we are not weary in well-doing, and in due season we will reap if we faint not.

The overseers and pastors are in no uncertain terms voicing the praise and value of the fine work and accomplishments of the L.W.W.B. Surely a bright future awaits the L.W.W.B. in the Church of God.

REVIVALS

BLADENBORO, N. C.—We praise God for the revival at Baldenboro No. 2 Church of God. Sister Katie Tucker the evangelist did some old-time Church of God preaching. Twelve were saved, two sanctified, and some were reclaimed. The church was wonderfully blessed. A few weeks later we were privileged to receive three of those saved in the revival into the church. Last Sunday we had a baptizing and on Sunday night we had communion and feet washing. The Lord really blessed our souls.—A. H. Vause, Pastor.

MARBLEDALE—A successful four weeks' revival has just closed here with Rev. H. C. Jenkins as evangelist. His messages were good and will long remain in the hearts and minds of all who heard them. He left the people here with a new desire to press on without faltering and to run with patience the race which is set before them. This revival also revived the church and is also one of the best ever conducted here. Twenty-six were saved, twelve filled with the Holy Ghost, and eight added to the church. We thank the Lord for this revival. May the Lord bless Brother Jenkins in his work. Our Sunday School is also

growing rapidly, both in attendance and offerings. We thank the Lord because of his many blessings upon the church here.

TARPON SPRINGS, Fla.—We are glad to report another victory over Satan at Tarpon Springs Church of God. At the close of the state camp meeting, Wimauma, Fla., our pastor, Brother C. A. Drymon, acquired Brother Carl White to hold a revival. The Lord blessed and the altar was filled nearly every night. Sixteen were saved, nine sanctified, and ten filled with the Holy Ghost. Twenty were added to the church, bringing our membership to one hundred.—C. Lester.

ELBA, Ala.—Brother Robert Lee Bower, of Miami, Florida, has just closed a three weeks' successful revival. Thirty have been saved, fourteen sanctified, eleven filled with the Holy Ghost, and seventeen added to the church. The building could not accommodate the crowds. This is one of the greatest revivals in the history of the church. The Church of God is blooming in Elba. This brings our total membership to seventy-one. Pray for God to continue to bless.—Floyd Johnson, Pastor.

GOLDSBORO, N. C.—Bro. A. W. Bradley and wife came to Goldsboro, N. C., June 20 for a three weeks' revival. God was with us in a wonderful way, and many souls were blessed. Several were saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost. Several were baptized in water, and nine were added to the church. Many were healed in the special healing services which were conducted each Friday night by Brother Bradley. God was with us throughout the entire meeting. Sister Bradley will be remembered as Sister Hillhouse.

RAVENNA, Ky.—A wonderful revival closed here recently which was conducted by Evangelist Irene Stephens, of Russell Springs, Ky., and her singers, the George Sisters of Jamestown, Ky. God blessed us with eleven saved, three sanctified, six baptized in water, and four added to the church. At the close of the revival several were still praying to be saved, sanctified, and filled with the Holy Ghost. I request prayer for our church and the seekers, also remember me.—Sister Ruby Richardson.

MY PERSONAL TESTIMONY

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it again, but he will still be a drunkard at heart. But if that drunkard gets saved and regenerated by God's divine grace, with heaven's sunshine in his heart, thank God, there will be no moonshine in his stomach.

Over twenty-nine years ago, one Sunday morning, it so happened that I was in a Methodist church and heard for the first time in my life a real Holy Ghost sermon. Let me say right now, friends, it takes Holy Ghost preaching to produce Holy Ghost converts.

That Sunday morning the Holy Spirit gave me a revelation of Calvary and also of myself. It takes the Spirit of God, friends, to reveal Calvary to us. I went to the altar, and fell prostrate and wept bitter tears over my terrible sins. The burden of heart rolled away. I jumped to my feet and shouted, "Glory to God, I am delivered." Over twenty-seven years ago I attended a Pentecostal revival. I heard them testify, shout, and speak in other tongues. They sang such wonderful hymns, and I thought I would sing with them; but would you believe it? I could not join in, instead I wanted to go away and cry.

One night I was glorifying Jesus in a broken spirit. I said: "Jesus I am not worthy to pick up the crumbs that fall from thy table." Suddenly it seemed as though a mighty rushing wind struck me, and I fell on the floor. For some time the Spirit spoke through me in other tongues, and, thank God, He still speaks. The speaking in tongues is the initial sign God will invariably give with the baptism of the Holy Ghost, and I declare that scripture proves it. We never say it is the only evidence, it is the initial evidence.

I believe in signs. You go out and see a little restaurant, and you see a sign outside with the word "Eat" on it. That outward sign is an indication that there is something good inside. The speaking in other tongues is an outward sign of the presence within of the blessed Holy Ghost, who when He comes in, speaks for Himself. When Christ inaugurated the church He filled every one of them with the Spirit, and they all spake in tongues as the Spirit gave the utterance, and when you receive the baptism of the Holy Ghost you will do the same as they did when they received Him on the day of Pentecost.

EDITORIALS

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vidual, as well as the ministers in the states, to understand. But, after all, who could be expected to understand more what is needed and should be done than the Appointing Board? Again, what did we have in mind when we placed them in their offices? —*Let us pray for them.*

Disappointed pastors must keep in mind that while they may be disappointed with the church to which the state overseer has assigned them, there is a possibility that church is smothering disappointment over whom they are getting as pastor. No one can know just what a tremendous responsibility it is to place pastors without he has served in the capacity of the state overseer. Many times the state overseer knows far better where a pastor should work than the pastor does himself—strange as it may seem. Of course, there are times when a pastor is deserving of a large and better church, but those larger and better churches just last so long. Then, in many of the states there is a surplus of pastors or candidates for churches. What I mean by surplus is that there are far more ministers than churches, and there will continue to be until those waiting for churches stage revival campaigns in new fields and build new churches. That, in many instances, is being done, to the delight of all concerned, and we are all concerned.

Really, after all, the way up to the larger and better churches in pastoral service is faithful service in and with the smaller churches, wherever they may be. The rule generally runs—from the country, rural, or village church to the church in town. No matter how small your membership may be, if you were called into judgment while pastoring that flock, you would find quite a few more souls than you would care to be responsible for.

Now, there may be a few churches disappointed, throughout the length and breadth of the Church of God, with the pastors you have been given. If so, that is regrettable but not necessarily tragic. Certainly you can not hope to make your church or the pastor better by folding up and refusing to cooperate. Neither can any one overcome disappointment by nursing it—as long as you do that you will have a spoiled baby on your hands.

It will spoil you, too! The way to become proud of and appreciate your pastor is to pray for him. If you are a singer, sing as you have never sung before; a teacher, teach as you have never taught before. Attend the services regularly; give offerings freely; pay your full tithes, and that punctually, look for good traits in his life and in the lives of the members of his family, and know that you are responsible to God for the treatment you give to your pastor and his family, just as much as he is responsible to God for the treatment he gives to you and your family and the local church.

Here is the healing oil for disappointment, "Thy will be done."

REVIVALS

LAUREL, Miss.—We have just closed one of the greatest revivals in the history of Laurel church. Rev. Alton Edenfield was the evangelist. There were seventy-six saved, thirty-two sanctified, forty-eight baptized with the Holy Ghost, and forty-one added to the church. The above fails to tell the success of the revival. The whole city was stirred. The church was overcrowded each night and scores of people were standing on the outside. The devil tried his best to stop the revival, but his efforts caused the Lord to work in a greater way. The revival campaign has closed but the revival spirit remains.—Cecil Knight, Pastor.

OCEANA, W. Va.—The Church of God here had a wonderful tent revival which lasted all through the month of May, with Rev. A. J. Swift from Elizabethton, Tenn. doing the preaching. Every message was anointed with the power and was inspiring. Fifteen were saved, seven sanctified, seven filled with the Holy Ghost, five added to the church, and thirteen baptized in water. The church was greatly blessed.—C. C. Blevins, Pastor.

Mt. VALE, Tenn.—A revival has just come to a close at Mt. Vale. There were seven saved, four sanctified, and many others blessed. The church was revived. Sister Nettie Holt, of Morris-town, was the evangelist. She gave out the Word of God in its power. We were glad to have the help of the neighboring churches. We invite Brother and Sister Holt back at any time. We love our pastor. There was one added to the church. Pray much for Mt. Vale.—Viola Kimbrough, Clerk.

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OUR LEE COLLEGE

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quarters with the November, 1948, reports, and that it be earmarked for LEE COLLEGE ONLY. Further, that our publications carry a reminder of this in each issue as long as needed.

47. That a special issue of the Evangel be issued the first week in January, 1949, which will include the names of all churches which have submitted their offerings for Lee College.

50. That we have an Advisory Board to the Board of Education, consisting of all state overseers, which shall meet with the Board of Education and President at each Assembly, to advise with them in matters pertaining to the best interest of the School and Church.

SPEAKING WITH OTHER TONGUES

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stand: and if Satan cast out Satan, he is divided against himself; how shall then his kingdom stand?" Matt. 12:25, 26. "And he that gathereth not with me scattereth abroad." How many miracles are performed in your church today? But many will say the day of miracles is past. In Hebrews 13:8 we read "Jesus Christ the same yesterday (while with His disciples), today (with us), and forever (after you and I have departed this life)." So friends, it looks as if it is you and I who have changed, if we fail to see the need of the Holy Ghost baptism. Jesus said in Luke 11:11-14, "If a son shall ask bread of any of you that is a father, will he give him a stone? or if he ask a fish, will he for a fish give him a serpent? or if he shall ask an egg, will he offer him a scorpion? If ye then, begin evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children: how much more shall your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask him?"

The trouble today is that many people seek for tongues instead of the "power." Receive the baptism of the Holy Ghost and the evidence will accompany Him. Too many are trying to live up to the reputation of the Pentecostal experience without the "tarry" and "wait" until it is an experience. They are like the "bugle that gives an uncertain sound." Many say, "I got it when I got saved," or "when I got sanctified, and I surely did not speak in tongues." If you did, you got a dummy and you are the one that is deceived, for Jesus said in John 14:15-17, "If ye love me, keep my commandments. And I will pray

the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever; even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, (if you are saved and sanctified), and shall be in you (when you receive the baptism of the Holy Ghost)." Praise God forever!

But how do we know when (He) the third person of the Godhead comes in? First, did God, in olden times, speak audibly? Surely. Did Jesus talk when He came? Surely. Then why shouldn't the Holy Ghost talk? John 16:13 says, "Howbeit when he, the Spirit (spoken of as Comforter and Holy Ghost in verse 7) of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come." But many say, "The Holy Ghost was only for the apostles and disciples on the day of Pentecost." Well, what made Peter know that Cornelius and his household had received the Holy Ghost ten years after Pentecost, as recorded in Acts 10:44-46? "While Peter yet spake these words, the Holy Ghost fell on all them which heard the word. And they of the circumcision which believed were astonished, as many as came with Peter, because that on the Gentiles (us) also was poured out the gift of the Holy Ghost. (How could they tell?) For they heard them speak with tongues, and magnify God." Then answered Peter (and this is for those who teach that you must be baptized in Jesus' name first to receive it), (verse 47) Can any man forbid water, that these should not be baptized, which have received the Holy Ghost as well as we?" When? On the day of Pentecost.

Also, twenty-five years after Pentecost, in Acts 19th chapter, which should banish the teaching that we get the Holy Ghost baptism at rebirth, we find a group of Christians who had been converted under the preaching of Apollos, one of John the Baptist's converts, and had been baptized unto John's baptism (water to repentance), so they were saved and sanctified. Paul said, "Have you received the Holy Ghost since you believed?" They answered (in a way that a lot of you cannot), "We haven't so much as heard about it." But thank God, after Paul had preached and taught them the truth about it, they decided to "walk in the light as he is in the light," so they and the Holy

Ghost could have fellowship one with the other, and they immediately became candidates for the experience of the Holy Ghost. They received the Holy Ghost for "they spake with tongues and prophesied," and not only that, but 150,000 others, since Pentecost and this occasion, have received the Holy Ghost in like manner.

In 1 Cor. 14:2 we read, "For he that speaketh in an unknown tongue speaketh not unto men, but unto God: for no man understandeth him; howbeit in the spirit he speaketh mysteries." That is the thing that makes the devil mad. We talk to God in a language he cannot understand. Hallelujah! He (Paul) never did tell them not to speak in tongues, but to let God direct them, for, in conclusion he says, 1 Cor. 14:18, "I thank my God, I speak with tongues more than ye all." And he did not mean languages he might have learned from the teachings of the great Gamaliel, either, as some suppose, but that he had let God, through the Holy Spirit, tame that "unruly member" that no man can tame and he thanked God that He allowed him to speak in tongues to Him the heavenly language.

Oh, I know some will say, "Yes, but he said in the church he had rather speak one word with the understanding than ten thousand words in tongues." But he also said, "Unless he interpret," or "there be an interpreter," and thank God, He has them, too. I admit there are many tongues that are not used of the Holy Ghost. But if as much time and effort were spent in "searching the scriptures" as Jesus said, to find the light on this glorious experience, as there is to hunt out things to argue against it and try to disprove it, my brother and sister, we would shake the foundations of the world.

THE FORTUNE THAT CAME TO BUD ROBINSON

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deity; others take His beautiful example and reject His atoning blood. Christ, as man, wept at Lazarus' grave; as God, He raised Lazarus from the dead.

God never promised us a smooth sea; the thing He promised was a safe landing.

The lamb was to be eaten with bitter herbs. I went down crying—I came up flying. If you receive the Lamb you must do it as a pilgrim. (From an old issue of the *Pentecostal Herald* we reprint a testimony of the unique holiness evangelist—Bud Robinson).

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